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**Letter dated 13 June 2006 from the Permanent Representative of Timor-Leste to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General**

I have the honour to transmit a letter dated 8 June 2006 addressed to you by Mr. José Ramos-Horta, Minister for Foreign Affairs and Cooperation and Minister for Defence of Timor-Leste, on the establishment of an independent Special Inquiry Commission (see annex).

I should be grateful if the present letter and its annex could be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) José Luis **Guterres**
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## Annex to the letter dated 13 June 2006 from the Permanent Representative of Timor-Leste to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

On 10 May 2006, I wrote to the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights to issue a standing invitation to all special procedures mandate holders of the Human Rights Council, and also specifically requested relevant mandates to undertake an investigation into the events of 28 and 29 April 2006, which I now revoke, as, given the gravity of the subsequent events in May, the Government of Timor-Leste wishes to invite the United Nations to establish an independent Special Inquiry Commission.

The establishment of the facts and circumstances relevant to these events is critical for Timor-Leste to overcome its present crisis and achieve reconciliation, and for the upholding of the rule of law. The Timor-Leste police force basically imploded; the State is therefore not in a position to conduct an inquiry, and because of the parties involved in the current crisis, a domestic inquiry would formally lack credibility.

The Special Inquiry Commission would be mandated to review the incidents of 28 and 29 April, 23, 24 and 25 May and other related events or issues that contributed to the crisis.

The Government of Timor-Leste is committed to ensuring that the outcome of such an inquiry will assist the reconstitution of Timor-Leste's security sector and ensure accountability for criminal violations and human rights violations allegedly committed during the crisis period. In doing so, it would re-establish public confidence in the Government and the security institutions and promote democratic governance. Accordingly, the Government considers that the domestic justice system should be the primary avenue of accountability for any criminal violations and human rights violations allegedly deemed to have been committed by the Special Inquiry Commission.

It is critical that the Special Inquiry Commission be established as quickly as possible with a view to submitting a final report both to you and to the National Parliament of Timor-Leste within a three month period of its inauguration.

(*Signed*) José **Ramos-Horta**
Senior Minister
Minister for Foreign Affairs and Cooperation